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From: Card, Joan
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 2:40:23 PM
Subject: RE: Gold King Mine FOIAs (Special Weekly Report)

Let's use all of our usual procedures here. We need to meet all of our procedural and legal obligations, just as in any case. The goal is not to rush. Thanks Alan.

From: Engels, Alan
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:29 AM
To: Card, Joan
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We are moving as quickly as we can to work with HQ staff to populate as much responsive data on the Agency's public Webpages to respond to several of the requests. Requests involving correspondence (Mail, email, text messages, hard copy and electronic documents, etc.) will need to be reviewed to determine if any exemptions apply to any information contained in those documents, and as a result, take additional time.

Our regional staff worked quickly to ensure all key personnel from all Regions and programs gathered to come up with a solid strategy.

I am sure it will change over the next few days, but am confident we will prevail. The staff support in moving forward has been nothing short of amazing.

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From: Card, Joan

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:19 AM

To: Engels, Alan; R8 RLT

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Thanks Alan, for standing this up so quickly and effectively.

Joan

From: Engels, Alan

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In an effort to keep everyone up-to-date on FOIAs relating to the Gold King Mine I have attached a FOIA report which shows all requests currently received regarding this location. The regular Weekly Open FOIA Report will be sent out separately.

Summary:

There are 13 FOIAs relating to Gold King Mine currently open. **Twelve** are related to the release that occurred last week.

HQ - 2 (All Media Requests)

R6 - 1 (All Media Requests)

R8 – 9 (6 Media, & 3 Citizen Requests)

R9 - 1 (Media Request)

A.) A Team of FOIA Coordinators will be working with ORC to make assignment and tasking determinations. OCPI will be consulted before releasing FOIA responsive documents.

B.) We are working with HQ FOIA staff to consolidate 2 Multi-regional FOIAs to provide a single FOIA response from the agency.

1.) Consolidate FOIAs ending in 009764(HQ), 009765(R6), 009766(R8) & 009767(R9) and respond under FOIA 009766(R8).

2.) Consolidate FOIAs ending in 009776(HQ), and 009777(R8) and respond under 009777(R8).

After consolidating these FOIAs into single responses, all Gold King Mine Release related FOIAs will be responded to by Region 8 FOIA Office.

C.) The Regional FOIA Officer is ensuring all responses are coordinated with Region 8 OCPI and ORC.

D.) Becky Dolph, Region 6 and 9 will provide some assistance in document review and redaction in order to complete the FOIAs.

E.) All Gold King Mine Release FOIAs have been granted Expedited Processing.

F.) All Region 8 FOIAs have initially been assigned to ECEJ and will be re-assigned and tasked once the team assesses who regional and agency document custodians are.

G.) The FOIA Officer will issue updated reports no more than once a day to add additional FOIA requests entered from the day prior.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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